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DOKKUM — In the heart of Dokkum, on the “Zijl”, stands this beautiful Town Hall, dating back to the year 1610. The bell tower was built in 1717, renovated in 1834 and in 1955 adorned with a carillon. It plays a tune every half hour and on Friday nights there is a bellringer. More on city of Dokkum on pages 14 & 15.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 6 October	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost:	\$8.00
Thurs 10 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thurs 24 October	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 25 October	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More details on page 5	
Sunday 3 November	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Admission:	\$8.00
Tuesday 5 November	<u>"Melbourne Cup Lunch"</u>	11.00 am
	Admission:	
	Members:	\$50.00
	Non-Members:	\$60.00
Thurs 7 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thurs 21 November	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Sunday 24 November	<u>"St Nicholas Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Admission:	
	Members	\$20.00
	Non Members:	\$25.00
Friday 29 November	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	
	More details on page 5	
Sunday 1 December	<u>"St Nicholas for the Children"</u>	Doors open
	Admission: Adults Free	11.30 am
	Member's Children	\$10.00
	Non-Members Children	\$15.00
Sunday 8 December	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
Sunday 15 December	<u>"Christmas Variety Concert"</u>	
	Doors open 11.30 am	
Sunday 5 January	<u>"New Year's Reception"</u>	11.00 am - 2.00 pm
	Admission: Free	

Please note: The Neerlandia Clubhouse will be closed for the summer break from Monday the 16th of December until Tuesday the 27th of January 2014.

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Report from your President



President's report October 2013.
Thai Airways TG481 Bangkok - Perth, we are coming home. We are coming home after 5½ weeks away; 5½ weeks on a Tour of Duty, or, visiting our families in the Netherlands and in the UK. Through the years we have successfully attempted to get our families to visit us rather than we going to them. For them it is a holiday being with us, whilst for us

it is a crazy travelling from one country to the other and hoping that everyone is happy with the amount of time that we have dedicated to each of them. Luckily enough, all our family members are able to travel to Perth regularly.

However, this time we had a very good reason for going to



With Barrie's son in the UK

Jack Cathan Parker, their son born on 26 March 2013. The wedding would be an intimate family affair in the UK at the end of August.

A trip to the UK means a trip to the Netherlands. Consequently Barrie and I left Perth on 6 August, scheduled to arrive at my parents in the Netherlands sometime in the afternoon the following day.

We flew into Paris to pick up our lease car (a far cheaper way than hiring a car, but only available to people living outside the EU) at 7am and off we went, driving to NL on a rainy day in France. In a real Australian way we had calculated, based on the kilometres we had to drive, that we would be in Ouddorp, Zuid-Holland by 2pm. What were we THINKING? We were in Western Europe for heaven's sake! Millions of other road users, who seem to provide Europe with a 24 hour rush hour.

Once we were in the Netherlands we found a tunnel inaccessible due to a fire. After we had sms-ed my parents that we would be an hour or so late, we joined about 50 truck drivers and waited, and waited and waited. Eventually we decided to turn around to go back to Belgium and approach the Netherlands from a different angle.

So we arrived on the ring road around Antwerp where the rush hour was as usual full on and with the rain pelting down. I was getting a bit concerned about Barrie: we had flown directly from Perth to Paris followed by seven hours of driving in dense traffic and heavy rain and we were not in the Netherlands yet; he looked so tired. However, the sun broke through, traffic past Antwerp became a gentle flow and the spirit was lifted, at least, until we approached another tunnel, which was closed due to an accident, so we joined another queue for an unknown period. One thing we knew for certain: Perth has no real traffic jams! Eventually we arrived in Ouddorp at 6pm: the herring was cold and the beer was warm. But, undeterred by a delay of five hours we started reconnecting with all things Dutch: kopstootjes, borrelnootjes, kaas soufflés and haring. We went to bed at 2am and I remember both of us sitting on the edge of the bed and falling backwards to sleep until 10 the next morning. This

proved to be an excellent remedy against jet-lag as, when my sister arrived for coffee, we were up and about and we were in sync with the Dutch.

The weather was glorious and after coffee met "tompoes" we got the bicycles out of the shed and we cycled to "strandtent Ilona". You remember the strandtenten along the brown sand of



Pannenkoeken eten

Dutch beaches overlooking the grey North Sea? While we ate our "pannekoeken met spek" we observed the Dutch and German beach goers with their endless rituals of getting ready to lie in the sun. My brother and his partner arrived soon after we had returned back from our bicycle ride, just like my three nephews with their respective girlfriends. Everyone had brought a tent and sleeping bags so that weekend, my parents' large lawn looked like a campsite! As the weather was beautiful we were able, with an Aussie chef of course, to BBQ for dinner and BBQ for breakfast, which was a great relief to mum. And oh, how we enjoyed the long light summer nights (in Western Australia better known as daylight saving and voted against – Why oh Why?).

The following morning my aunt and Jacqueline joined us and that is how we spent the weekend - all 15 of us. We had a ball. Jacqueline, who had lived with us in Perth for 6 months, fitted well in our family, especially as she is in the same age group as my nephews and their girlfriends. We played games outside until it finally got dark and we all rolled into bed. Monday came, which meant that Barrie and I took Jacqueline to Utrecht where she had her student introduction week. After we had met up with her parents that evening in sunny Utrecht with all its terraces along the canals, we drove to Heerenveen in



My parent's place



Terrasje pakken met de familie

Friesland to catch up with my cousin and her two wonderful teenage kids. Again we played the tourist and visited Franeker's Planetarium and Harlingen and again we drank "Hertog Jan" or a "Palmpje" and never did we leave a brown cafe without ordering "vlammetjes", "portie bitterballen" or "een satétje". That night we stayed in 't Oranjewoud where the Dutch Royal Family used to spend their weekends. A genuinely pretty spot, as you can imagine.

By then we had spent nearly a week with family so we decided to have one and a half days with just the two of us in Amsterdam. With the Rijksmuseum renovated and open to the public again this was a must to visit and, of course, our visit did not disappoint. We took a 90 minute tour, which proved just enough to get some appreciation of what the museum has on offer.

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Report from your President

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If you decide to visit the Rijksmuseum during your next visit to the Netherlands, I advise you to order your tickets and your electronic guide on line. This method of buying tickets will save you at least one hour of queuing!

After all that culture, we strolled along the "grachten" in search of our watering hole of many moons ago. And after a few wrong turns we found Cafe De Schutter in de Voetboogstraat where we spent a couple of hours reminiscing and engaging with young students who were having their "ontgroenings" ceremony.

From the Voetboogstraat we walked to the Warmoesstraat to revisit another old stomping ground of ours, Cafe Pacifico. This eatery, way back in time, was the first Mexican restaurant in the Netherlands and we used to frequent this place in the late seventies and early eighties despite living in The Hague.

In hindsight we should have stayed away this time and just keep the memory: the place had gone down badly, with inferior quality food and Margaritas that didn't even make me giggle.

On the way back to the hotel, the tiniest hotel possible in the PC Hoofstraat, just around the corner from the Rijksmuseum and tram nr 2 to the centre, we had one more beer on the Leidseplein. This was the only time during our whole time away that we paid Perth prices for a beer.

The following day we took tram nr 2 to our P+R (Park+Ride) just outside the centre where we found our car still safely parked. On the way back to my parents we decided that we had to revisit the Kröller-Müller museum in the Veluwe once again to see the fantastic Van Gogh collection in this beautiful rural setting.

Amongst so many more, there they are from during his period in the asylum - a masterpiece per day, every day. And, as Barrie had discovered a Dutch craft brewery when buying beer from Mane Liquor on Gt Eastern Highway, we also had to visit Brouwerij de Molen in Bodegraven; well, not just visit, of course!

A few more fun days in the Netherlands followed: lofrolletjes, krootjes met speklappen and a kopstootje or two with my parents in the sun.

Time flew and we said goodbye to my parents and we drove to Calais to take the ferry to Dover, UK.

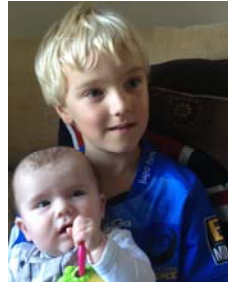
First stop was Wingrave, Buckinghamshire to meet the boy: 4½ month old Jack; what a delight. His content and happy smiling face stole our hearts. With the happy couple, Jack's parents, we slowly but certainly worked ourselves towards the wedding, which occurred in a picturesque setting in Gloucestershire. The



wedding was planned to be an intimate family affair with "fun" as its desired theme. And a fun day it turned out to be: at the end of a glorious and happy day, the world had another Mr & Mrs Parker.

Bride, groom and

baby Jack travelled with us and with Barrie's second son and his family to the latter's home in Harrogate, Yorkshire. It was such a delight to see the oldest of the two grandsons, 6 year old Joe, take care of his baby cousin. Of course we had breakfast in world famous Betty's Tearooms and with Sarah, my daughter in law, I visited the Turkish baths. Barrie and I ambled through pretty Harrogate. Harrogate has the distinct features of an English Spa



Two Parker cousins

town: Georgian houses, well-kept squares with hundreds of colourful flowers in hanging baskets and luscious parks.

Playing cricket with dad, uncle and opa in the nearby park was important for Joe.

Jack, who did not want to be ignored, had his first rolling on his side to the delight of the adults.

After four days in Harrogate, Barrie and I got back in our spacious Peugeot to see

Barrie's cousin and her family. Her son and his girlfriend had spent Christmas 2012 with us in Perth so again the greetings were warm.

Another late night, another great night going through pictures and reminiscing.

Next trip was to Warminster in Wiltshire where we were expected by Barrie's youngest son and his girlfriend, Stephanie. During a day trip to Cheddar (of the cheese and caves fame) we were introduced to Stephanie's parents with whom we got on really well.

Two days of talking, eating and drinking came to a happy end which meant that we were now driving to Eastbourne, East Sussex, where Barrie spent most of his childhood.

In Eastbourne an interesting reunion took place of the (once) children on a photograph taken during a street party to celebrate



the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953! The ages of those children, now adults, varied from 66 - 73 and it was very touching to see the delight and

the enthusiasm on the faces of the participants while exchanging memories of a street in the fifties. A wonderful detail is that the people who are currently living in Barrie's old house, invited us in to show me the famous long garden in which Barrie practiced his cricket when he was a youngster.

By now it was getting time to think about going home. To give ourselves some down time after all the socializing, we decided to treat ourselves to 2 nights in Honfleur, the very pretty inner harbour at the end of the Seine near L'Havre in France. We had booked our hotel through the Internet and sometimes you get very lucky just like we did this time: a luxurious spacious room with an interior that showed an elegant balance of urban feel and country chic; all this overlooking the harbour with its sailing ships and the many waterfront cafes.

We enjoyed some down time and many a Belgium beer while looking back at the past five weeks spent with our family.

Thai Airways TG481 Bangkok - Perth.

5 ½ weeks and 18 different beds later, we are coming home: exhausted, overweight but emotionally satisfied.

**Lianna Parker
President**

Photographs are more prominent in the online version of the Neerlandia magazine. If you preferred to receive an electronic version of the magazine, please contact the Editor Piet Leeftang or myself, Lianna Parker.

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

*De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives
worden gehouden op zondag
6 oktober en op zondag 3 november.*



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DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 25th of October 2013 and again
on Friday the 29th of November**

The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old
friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from the Kitchen:

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The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Inge



De BoeKHoeK

Mies en Tom zijn nu onze vaste bibliotheek beheerders en samen met Ans beheren zij de Neerlandia bibliotheek. Wanneer je een boek wilt lenen maar je weet niet zeker of we "open zijn", bel dan even Lianna om een tijd af te spreken. (0437 629 635)

Onze correspondent in Nederland, Joke, heeft voor ons het volgende boek gelezen en gerecenseerd:

Het Pauperparadijs door Suzanna Jansen

De schrijfster schetst in dit boek een beeld van 5 generaties van haar familie.

Amsterdam-Noord tijdens de crisisjaren: Roza Dingemans, moeder van een door schulden en alcoholisme getroffen gezin, probeert koste wat kost haar waardigheid te bewaren. Ze ontleent trots aan een gerucht over een voorname afkomst en een misgelopen erfenis.

De schrijfster is op zoek gegaan naar deze overgrootmoeder en naar het verhaal over de misgelopen erfenis, maar tot haar verbazing blijkt er helemaal geen sprake geweest te zijn van een rijke en onterfde overgrootmoeder, maar van enkele generaties van haar familie die in de bedelaarskolonie "Veenhuizen" (Drente) woonden. "Veenhuizen", een kolonie waar vanaf 1823 mensen gedwongen werden te wonen en te werken om de onderklasse te "verheffen". Vele "a-socialen" uit de grote steden brachten daar vaak vele jaren door alvorens zij geschikt werden geacht om weer in de stad te gaan wonen. Dat betekent dat hele generaties in Veenhuizen zijn geboren en opgegroeid in het eind 19^e, begin 20^e eeuw.

Dit boek schetst een prachtig stuk sociale geschiedenis van Nederland dat de lezer doet beseffen hoe kort het geleden is dat grote groepen in Nederland in diepe armoede leefden.

Suzanna Jansen heeft door het beschrijven haar familiegeschiedenis, die zich voor een groot deel in Veenhuizen heeft afgespeeld, een gezicht en een naam gegeven aan al die mannen en vrouwen die als gevolg van schulden, alcoholisme, sociale problemen en de daarmee gepaard gaande grote armoede, vaak vele jaren in het heropvoedingskamp "Veenhuizen" moesten doorbrengen. Het geeft een helder beeld op de maatschappelijke visie en de "beschavingspogingen" die men in die jaren had op armoede, op sociale problemen en hoe men vond dat die opgelost dienden te worden.

Doordat dit beeld beschreven wordt aan de hand van een werkelijk bestaande familie die daar gedurende 5 generaties mee geconfronteerd is geweest, heeft het boek de sfeer van een roman die door de prettige en persoonlijke schrijfstijl in één adem wordt uitgelezen!!!



Het Pauperparadijs is te leen in onze bibliotheek

De KooKHoeK

Nicole is de inspiratie voor de maandelijkse KooKHoeK. Zij is geboren en getogen in Nederland en komt uit een Nederlands-Indisch gezin. Eten, in de

ruimste zin van het woord is haar passie: zij bereid het en kweekt zelf vele van de ingrediënten; ze leest en zij schrijft erover - elke dag werkt zij met eten.

Nicole heeft ons toestemming gegeven om haar blog als bron te gebruiken voor onze maandelijkse KooKHoeK, iets waar we heel erg blij mee zijn.

Het recept voor oktober is:

Boerenjongens

For the benefit of non-Dutch readers, the recipes are in the English language.

This recipe, simply called farm boys, are golden and dark raisins soaked in a sugary syrup and brandy. It is a favorite with the older generation, although it is currently experiencing a small revival with the younger crows. At birthdays, weddings or funerals, the men would often consume a small serving of boerenjongens, served in a borrelglasje with a small spoon, whereas the ladies would prefer boerenmeisjes, the female equivalent, made with dried apricots

2 cups golden raisins

½ cup dark raisins

1 cup sugar

3 cups water

1 cup brandy

1 cinnamon stick

Wash the raisins and soak in enough warm water to cover them, for a good two hours.

Heat the sugar with the 3 cups of water, bring to a boil.

Simmer for a couple of minutes, then set aside to cool.

Put the raisins in a glass jar.

Mix the cool sugary syrup with the brandy, stir and pour over the raisins. If they're not covered with the liquid, make another batch of syrup.

Add the cinnamon stick, cover and let sit in a cool, dark place for four weeks before sampling.

Source: (met toestemming van) Nicole Holten, The

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

**THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF
THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA**

**Julie Page
Paul Zuiddgeest
Frances Zuiddgeest-Ots**

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Inge & October Birthdays

Dutch Table <http://www.thedutchtable.com>

De FilmHoeK

Terwijl ik in Nederland was heb ik een stapel muziek & film DVDs gekocht. De muziek DVDs zullen getoond worden tijdens de End of Month Drinks terwijl we er naar streven om regelmatig, voor een kleine groep belangstellenden op woensdagavonden een film te tonen.

DVD Troonswisseling: als u belangstelling hebt voor de NOS documentaire van de Troonswisseling die in Nederland plaatsvond op 30 april 2013, neem dan even contact op met Lianna 0437 629 635 omdat we nog een paar exemplaren te koop hebben voor \$30 per DVD.

Nieuwtje

Op 5 september jl werd er aan Koning Willem Alexander "Het Droomboek" aangeboden.

300 mensen hebben in dit boek hun wensdroom gezet en elk Nederlands huisgezin kan het boek gratis afhalen.

Jullie kunnen het lezen op <http://www.mijndroomvooronsland.nl/nl-NL/pagina/download>.

August End of Month Drinks

As most of those Neerlandia (Committee) Members, involved with the organization of End of Month Drinks, were unavailable, we had to cancel this event for August. This was not an easy decision to take as the Committee prefers a continuation of the Club's most successful event. However, if we had more people interested in the organization of this ONCE IN A MONTH function, we would be able to guarantee 11 EoM Drinks per year, thereby avoiding disappointment for our members and patrons.

Therefore, please contact Inge on 0448 218 788 or myself on 0437 629 635 if you are available from 10am - 12 midday on the last Friday of each month.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

The Shop

Anne & Dirk are on a well-deserved holiday in Coral Bay. Before she left, Anne stocked up the shop so that the Shop Staff was able to continue serving you.

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We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**



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Gerry	Creemers
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Ronald	Bouwman
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Carla	Nota
Emma	Boekhout
Mieke	Creemers
Keith	Hart
Gerard	Spaan
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Johannes	Wynmalen
Diana	den Hoedt
Bruce	Robinson
Anna	Robinson



If your birthday is not mentioned or the details are not correct, this means that we have the incorrect data entered in our membership database. Or you may wish that your birthday is not mentioned at all. To make changes to the above you need to contact:

Membership Administration:

Robert & Kay Wegman,

E-mail address:

kwegman@iinet.net.au



Dear Members,

The caravan holiday is over for another year. It is always such a good feeling to come home again, but unfortunately it also means that a lot of work is waiting.

We kept the caravan at home for 10 days before putting it into storage again. This was not only so that the van could get a spring clean inside and outside but also to make some running repairs. Our van is ageing and things do break or stop working satisfactory. Things such as a badly leaking tap, which needed reseating; a plastic door closer from an overhead cupboard broke and as they are no longer available, it had to be replaced by a magnetic catch: the fly-wire in several fly screens needed replacing; cleaning and painting some rust spots on the main frame caused by exposure to salt air; the rubber around the front window had perished and shrunk and that had to be replaced before the window had a chance to fall out; replacing a seal which luckily could be found on the internet and the list goes on and on. But these are all small jobs that I can do myself, especially now we are no longer so heavily involved with Neerlandia. On the home front I have started painting the skirting boards, which was one task I had deferred earlier in the year.

Off travelling again.

This October issue of the Neerlandia magazine was finalised at home, but the November issue will be done from Karatha, as Joke and I are going over there for 3 weeks in early October to mind two 13-year old twins, whose parents, our niece and her husband, are off to Africa on holidays. They also have 2 dogs, one of which is a red Heeler as well as a Rainbow Lorrieket. Interesting!

The Dutch National Soccer team.

You probably read that the Netherlands have qualified for the 2014 world cup finals in Brazil. They did it the hard way.

Two group games against bottom sides were scheduled early in September. They were both away matches against Estonia and Andorra. Against Estonia the Dutch only just managed a 2-2 draw as Robin van Persie scored the equaliser in the 93rd minute after Arjen Robin had given them the lead in the 7th minute.

The second match against Andorra resulted in a 2-0 win, thanks to a Robin van Persie double. He

scored both goals in the second half.

This is typical of the Dutch national team, the hard games they win easily but are always battling against the minor teams.

Now it is waiting for the big draw towards the end of the year, which will decide whom their opponents will be in the group stage and of course the match schedules and playing times will also be eagerly awaited.

Neerlandia will need that information in order to finalise their own plans and decide which matches, if any, can be shown live at Neerlandia!

Luckily SBS has the broadcast rights in Australia, so reception will not be a problem. The time of the broadcasts will.

Neerlandia AGM.

When you receive this magazine the Neerlandia AGM has been held, but there was not enough time to incorporate any reports into this magazine. They will be published in the next November issue.

Upcoming Events.

As you can see on page 2 of this magazine, there are plenty of events coming up. There is something for everybody from A Melbourne Cup Lunch to a St. Nicholas Brunch or a Variety Concert by the Dutch Singers.

Come on Neerlandia members, give Neerlandia some much needed support by attending these functions.

Neerlandia Clubhouse Summer break.

Please Note: The Neerlandia Clubhouse will be closed for the summer break from Monday the 16th of December until Tuesday the 27th of January 2014.

Pieter Leeftang.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away the 18th of September,

Henk Raafs (88)

President of the Ex-Stootroepers
and Delegate on the ANSWA Committee

Our sincere condolences to Henk's family
from the Dutch Society Neerlandia
of WA Inc

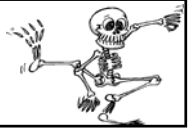


May He Rest in Peace.

A few light-hearted jokes



Laughter is still the best medicine



***Be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die!
This priceless and so easy to see happening with
customer service being in the hands of call centres.***

A lady died this past January, and her bank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been zero and was now \$60.00.

A family member placed a call to the Bank and after the usual verifications, the conversation continued as follows.

Family Member:

'I am calling to tell you that she died in January.'

Bank:

'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member:

'Maybe, you should turn it over to collections.'

Bank:

'Since it is two months past due, it already has been.'

Family Member:

So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?

Bank:

'Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!'

Family Member:

'Do you think God will be mad at her?'

Bank:

'Excuse me?'

Family Member:

'Did you just get what I was telling you . . . The part about her being dead?'

Bank:

'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'

Supervisor gets on the phone.

Family Member:

'I'm calling to tell you, she died in January.'

Supervisor:

'According to the computer details her account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'

Family Member:

'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'

Supervisor:

(Stammer) 'Are you her lawyer?'

Family Member:

'No, I'm her great nephew.'

Supervisor:

'Could you fax us a certificate of death?'

Family Member:

'Sure.'

After they get the fax.

Supervisor:

'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'

Family Member:

'Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care.'

Supervisor:

'Well, the late fees and charges do still apply.'

Angry, frustrated Family Member:

'Would you like her new billing address?'

Supervisor:

'That might help.'

Family Member:

'Rookwood Memorial Cemetery, 1249 Centenary Rd, Sydney Plot Number 1049.'

Supervisor after entering the details on the computer wakes up and states:

'Sir, that's a cemetery!'

Family Member:

'Well, what the **** do you do with dead people in your country?'

LOVE STORY FOR DEDICATED GOLFERS

A couple was having dinner one evening when the husband reached across the table, took his wife's hand in his and said: "Beth, soon we will be married 30 years, and there's something I have to know. In all of these 30 years, have you ever been unfaithful to me?"

Beth replied: "Well Charles, I have to be honest with you. Yes, I've been unfaithful to you three times during these 30 years, but always for a good reason."

Charles was obviously hurt by his wife's confession, but said: "Beth, I never suspected. Can you tell me what you mean by 'good reasons?'"

Beth said: "The very first time was shortly after we were married and we were about to lose our little house because we couldn't pay the mortgage."

Do you remember that one evening I went to see the banker and the next day he notified you that the loan would be extended?"

Charles recalled the visit to the banker and said: "I can forgive you for that. You saved our home, but what about the second time?"

Beth asked: "And do you remember when you were so sick, but we didn't have the money to pay for the heart surgery you needed? Well, I went to see your doctor one night and if you recall, he did the surgery at no charge." "I do recall that," says Chuck. "And you did it to save my life, so of course I can forgive you for that. Now tell me about the third time."

"All right," Beth said. "So do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club and you needed 43 more votes?!?!"

Card Clubs News

Wednesday Card Club News.

The results of the second Klaverjas competition of this year are as follows:

1st prize with a score of 76350 Con v/d/Putten
\$25.00

2nd prize with a score of 74706 Klaas Zijlstra
\$15.00

3rd prize with a score of 73824 Freda Hovingh
\$ 10.00

Marsen prize: Murray Koedijk
with 27 marsen \$10.00
Bep Banken.



Prize winners Wed Card Club: (left to right) 1st Con van der Putten, 3rd Freda Hovingh, and 2nd Klaas Zijlstra

Neerlandia Cardclub News.

Our second competition for the year ended on the 29th of August and the results are as follows:

Joker table:

Anne Neil winner of draw \$10

Bolivia Club:

Weekly players:

Margaret Bosland with a score of 352385 \$10

Fortnightly players:

Helma Kleyne with a score of 176465 \$10

Klaverjas results:

1st prize Bart Struyke 75476 points \$25

2nd prize Riet van Emden 74659 points \$20

3rd prize Bill van Heumen 74353 points \$15

(second time in a row)

Average score prize:

Barbara Penello 70537 points \$10

(actual average 70552)

Marsen prize:

Corry van Rijt with 33 marsen \$10

Our congratulations to the winners and success for all players in the upcoming last competition of this year.

I would like to pay a tribute to the late Antoon Horsten, who passed away on the 25th July during our 2nd competition for the year.

Despite being our eldest member at 97 years of age, he was a very enthusiastic and astute player. His memorising of cards during the game was exceptional for his age and often put that of some of his younger combatants to shame.

I am sure, we all would like to inherit his vitality and longevity in our future years.

We will always treasure our fond memories of his companionship.

Murray Koedyk

Sunday Drive

On the Sunday the 8th of September, the second Sunday of September, our regular Klaverjas Drive was held. Normally this event is held on the first Sunday of the month, but Father's Day intervened. Despite the change of the date there were still 25



Sunday Drive & Neerlandia merchandise

players that turned up, which resulted in 6 tables of 4 players. Of course that still left one person too many, but one couple volunteered to share one spot at one of the tables by playing 2 games each. Thanks to Rinus van der Ende and Tinie Swart for offering to do that.

The tables at which the players sit is decided by the drawing of numbers, so one never knows who his opponents are for the day.



The 3 prize winners. Klaas, Barbera and John

At sharp 11.00 am play started and after everyone had played two games, it was time for lunch and coffee. The customary lunch, which consisting of fresh "Belegde broodjes and Krentenbrood" was prepared by Thea de Koning and Freda Hovingh, as Irma van der Kwast was unavailable.

Many thanks ladies, it was delicious.

The competition, as usual, was red hot and after everyone had finalised their 4 games, the score sheets were checked and the winners were announced.

Just as well the sheets are checked, as a few substantial mistakes were made in adding up the totals, which affected the end result.

The winners of the day were declared to be as follows:

Klaverjassen:

1st prize: Klaas Zijlstra	6824 points
2nd prize: John van der Wielen	6737 points
3rd prize: Barbera Penello	6682 points

The next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 6th of October.

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St. Nicholas Brunch

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St Nicholas and his Zwarte Pieten should surprise us with a visit and he will have a small present for everyone.

Would you like to meet Saint Nicholas, but you do not like the busy atmosphere at



the Children's Saint Nicholas party? Then come to this Brunch. There is always a good atmosphere and it always is good value!

Tickets:

Members \$20.00

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For catering purposes, payment is necessary when you make your booking.

**Contact Gerry Creemers on:
9356 4207**

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The payment options are:

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- ... Come to the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm and pay by credit card or cash.*

Melbourne Cup Lunch



On Tuesday the 5th of November, Neerlandia will organise a Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Come and watch the Cup being run on our large screen, while seated at round tables and enjoy a superb Lunch.

Sweepstakes Tickets of several values will be available.

When: Tuesday the 5th of November

Costs: Members \$50.00

Guests: \$60.00

Doors Open 11.00 am



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The menu will be as follows:

Champagne on arrival

Canapes

Followed by a 2-course Lunch

The city of Dokkum

DOKKUM



Flag and Coat of Arms

Dokkum is a Dutch fortified city in the municipality of Dongeradeel in the province of Friesland. The fortifications of Dokkum are well preserved and are known as the “Bolwerken” (Bulwarks).

Dokkum acquired city rights in 1298.

In 1997 skaters declared Dokkum to be the sports town of the 20th century.

The best known event in Dokkum's history is the assassination of the Anglo-Saxon missionary Saint Boniface.

HISTORY

Dokkum is of great importance to Friesian, Dutch and European history for more than one reason. The town, where the pattern of the streets in the centre has not changed since 1650, was an important port and trading town on the Dokkumerdiep channel. But more than anything else, the town is often mentioned in the same breath with the English missionary St Boniface, who was murdered there 1259 years ago, in 754.

SAFE HARBOUR



“Grootdiep” Harbour

The original Dokkum or Doccinga, the most northern city in the Netherlands, was built on a mound. Thanks to its convenient location at a junction of roads and waterways the Dokkum Grootdiep and the Lauwersmeer lake, where tidal flows had free play at that time, sea-going ships found a safe harbour there and the town entered into a great heyday. In the 11th century coins were even minted in Dokkum. These have been found as far afield as the Urals and on Iceland.

AN ENGLISH MONK

Dokkum wouldn't be Dokkum without St Boniface. Who was this legendary missionary? He was born in Crediton, England around 675 as Wynfrith. After years of study in the monastery of Nutshaling he dared to make the crossing in 716 to the European mainland to spread Christianity among the Friesians, Saxons and the Franks. Paus Gregorius II gave him a new name: Boniface, after a Roman martyr of the 4th century. In 753 Boniface travelled to Utrecht and from there to Friesland. On his way he destroyed heathen property, preached, performed baptisms and founded churches. Until fate struck.

MURDER IN DOKKUM

In the early morning of 5th June 754 a band of robbers entered Bonifaces encampment, in the hope of finding precious objects and wine there. Boniface commanded his companions not to offer any resistance to the robbers. The brave missionary and his 52 companions were brutally murdered. Boniface was still trying to fend off the dagger thrusts with a bible. But the dagger cleft through the book and killed him.

MEMORIALS OF BONIFACE

Many Christians visit Dokkum for the Boniface spring, which is supposed to have a healing effect. According to the legend it was supposed to have come into existence when at a sign from his master Bonifaces horse stamped on the ground. Upon this a spring of clear fresh water rose up from the salty clay earth. A statue was erected at the edge of the spring in 1962. In the Boniface church the relics of the missionary can be seen. The pilgrimage was stopped in 1580 and started again towards the end of the last century. The Boniface park and the Boniface chapel date from this time.



Statue St. Boniface

THE DOKKUM RAMPARTS



Windmill “Zeldenrust”

In the 13th century Dokkum was given the designations Portus and Forum. This meant that it was a port city and functioned as a market. So in 1298 Dokkum became a true city with around 1,400 inhabitants, complete with a council of aldermen, sheriffs and judges. In 1531 Dokkum fell into the hands of Charles V. He had fortifications built around the city, the Dokkum ramparts, which had six bastions and are still intact in places. The two bastions at the Baantjegracht have been adorned with two former hulling mills since the 19th century: the Zeldenrust mill to the west and De Hoop mill to the south-east.

The city of Dokkum



Panorama of ice skaters in Dokkum

ADMIRALTY HOUSE

As a result of the Dokkumerdiep channel silting up, new times dawned. The Friesian Admiralty which had been based in Dokkum since 1596 from where it controlled the protection of trading voyages and the conduct of wars at sea, moved to Harlingen in 1646. In the former Admiralty house the regional museum has now been established. Around 1650 Dokkum's role as a trading centre was played out. The inlet at the Dokkumer Nieuwe Zijlen neighbourhood was even closed off in 1729.

THE DOKKUMER NIEUWE ZIJLEN LOCKS

In 1729 the States of Friesland gave the order for the construction of the Dokkumer Nieuwe Zijlen locks. This definitively put an end to the navigability of the Dokkumer Grootdiep channel for sea-going ships. The sluices still serve as drainage sluices for the excess water from the Friesian Boezem (storage basin). Nowadays the sluices are of importance for small-scale shipping and for cruises to and from the Lauwersmeer.

PROTECTED TOWNSCAPE

The pattern of the streets within the double belt of canals has been unchanged since 1650. Around the Zijl, a type of square which crosses the Dokkumer Diep, there are still many buildings with old Renaissance facades. The churches in Dokkum are also very unusual: the splendidly restored St. Martinuskerk, is a Gothic church from the 14th century with two naves and an organ dating from 1688. In the floor there are chiselled 16th century tomb slabs. On the Markt the magnificent old orphanage building stands, now the town café De Refter. In 1974 Dokkum attained the status of protected townscape.

THE DOKKUM TURNING POINT

In 1997 skaters declared Dokkum to be the sports town of the 20th century. Just imagine: you are taking part in the Friesian Elfstedentocht, the renowned skating competition covering almost 200 km via all eleven Friesian cities. You have skated 45 kilometres from Franeker via endless waterways in a bare landscape with the bleak east wind cutting into your face. Your ears and hair are in danger of freezing. On the Dokkummer Ee river the Dokkum stamping post is located, the point in the Elfstedentocht where you turn around. With the tenth stamp in your pocket you return to the city canal in Dokkum and the hope glimmers once more that you might reach the finish line in Leeuwarden. The tour takes participants from Leeuwarden to successively Sneek, IJlst, Locks, Stavoren, Hindeloopen, Workum, Bolsward, Harlingen, Franeker, Dokkum and then back to Leeuwarden again.



Folklore in Dokkum



City Centre



Inner Harbour

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

Profile of newer migrants



Hoi,
ik ben Patrick
Blaauw en ben
geboren en
getogen in
Rotterdam.
Wij, Patrick, Fiona
en Jimmy Blaauw,
zijn in juni 2010
vanuit
Zonnemaire,
Schouwen-
Duiveland, naar

Perth verhuist.

De voornaamste reden was dat mijn vrouw Fiona hier vandaan komt en een andere, niet onbelangrijke reden, was dat ik het in Nederland gewoon niet meer naar m'n zin had.

De beslissing om naar Perth te verhuizen was dan ook vrij snel gemaakt en daar hebben we dan ook zeker geen spijt van. Mijn eerste ontmoeting met Australië was in 1997 toen ik hier aan het backpacken was. Ik ben toen naar Broome gereisd en ben tijdens deze reis verliefd (en stiekem ook op mijn huidige vrouw) geworden op dit schitterende land! waar iedereen het overigens wel mee eens is, denk ik ;)

Qua werk heb ik het geluk gehad om als havenarbeider in Fremantle aan de slag te gaan, aangezien dat dit, voor zo'n 20 jaar, mijn beroep was in de Rotterdamse haven. Hier heb ik het prima naar mijn zin, alhoewel het wel wennen was aan de 'cultuur' in Australië.

Het is hier meer van... "Het is niet wat je weet maar hoe je heet" oftewel familie of mates zijn is zeer duidelijk een voordeel;), en dat vind ik ook gelijk een van de mindere dingen aan het 'dorp' Perth. Dit gebeurt uiteraard in NL ook maar hier meer, heb ik het idee.

We hebben 2 kinderen waarvan Jimmy in NL is geboren en Evie hier in Fremantle en aangezien het hier in Perth zeer kindvriendelijk en 'gezond' is, is de keus om

hier de kinderen op te laten groeien en te blijven dan ook makkelijk gemaakt. En na in Oktober terug te zijn geweest naar Nederland ben ik van mening dat we hier goed zitten.

Ik vind het in NL gewoon niet meer comfortabel leven is. Het is te druk, teveel gezeur, weinig natuur (niet afgezet met hekken bedoel ik dan), te geregeld, enz., enz. We staan bekend om een vrijdenkend volk maar hoe is dat nog mogelijk met al dat geregeld en die politieke clownerie...

Wat ik het meeste mis uit NL zijn uiteraard mijn familie en vrienden. Ik heb dagelijks contact met mijn ouders, die hier nu 3 keer zijn geweest. En ik heb zeer regelmatig contact met mijn broer, schoonzus en twee neven, vrienden en de rest van de familie Blaauw / Hagnaars. Buiten dat mis ik de Hollandse lekkernijen zoals.... Nou ja voornamelijk drop en bitterballen! :) Dus is het goed dat de NL club dat gelukkig in hun winkeltje verkoopt. Dank daarvoor...

Misschien is het ideeetje om een lekkere kaassouffle in het assortiment te doen... Ook een van de dingen die ik mis.....;)

Dat kan ik er dan lekker weer af kayaken, wat ik met heerlijk weer dan ook regelmatig doe. Lekker vissen in de rivier of met een bootje een beetje de zee op, zwemmen, lekker op het strand, fietsen heb ik geprobeerd maar de heuvels zijn mij iets te steil dus daar heb ik maar van afgezien;) Met de kinderen naar een van de vele speeltuinen. Kortom, mogelijkheden genoeg naar mijn mening. En een keer in de maand naar de Nederlandse club;)

Ik vind dat jullie a great job met de club doen en wens jullie daarmee alle succes!!

Groetjes van Patrick, Fiona, Jimmy en Evie :)

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Saint Nicholas

Day for the Children



On Sunday the 1st of December

Saint Nicholas and his “Zwarte Pieten” will visit the Neerlandia Clubhouse to ensure everyone will have a good time.

For the Children we will have an Ice-cream, a bag of Lollies and a Cool Drink.

A Magician Mr. Sparkles will provide the entertainment for the children.

We will also have a colouring-in competition. Additional forms with the conditions of entry on the back, will be available in the clubhouse. For the grown-ups coffee/tea & snacks will be available from the kitchen and the usual drinks from the bar.

Note: One present per child must be provided by the parent and handed in at the door.

(Value not over \$20.00)

The name and age of the child must be clearly written on the present.

Event: St. Nicholas for the Children
Date: Sunday 1 December
Time: Doors open at 11.30
St Nicholas will arrive at 12.30

Cost:

Adults:	Free
Member's Children (2 -10):	\$10.00
Non-Members Children	\$15.00

Note: Child admission fee does not include a present!

Strictly pre-paid bookings only:

Contact: Gerry Creemers on 9356 4207 or E-mail: gerrycreemers@iinet.net.au
Credit or Debit Card payments by telephone are accepted.

Important news from Dutch Aged Care

Karin Eastwood is leaving DACWA.



Dear friends of Dutch Aged Care (WA) Inc. News travels fast in our community and by now you might have heard that I no longer work as the Corporate Services Manager with Dutch Aged Care. The reason for my resignation is due to an offer for me, to study for a Master degree Business Leadership and to be part of a research team into Human Resource issues such as youth

unemployment and the retention of older workers.

I have thought long and hard whether to accept this offer but in the end I realised this 'once in a



lifetime' opportunity is to exiting to resist. Working with Dutch Aged Care during the past eleven and a half years has given me enormous joy and I have made many friends for life.

I am very proud to have been able to be a part of the team that has helped to develop the organisation into the unique and successful aged care provider it is today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made my working years with Dutch Aged Care so incredibly enjoyable and worthwhile. My gratitude goes to the staff, the volunteers, the board of management, the clients, the members of the organisation, the management and members of Neerlandia, and the other service providers. This is not a farewell, as you will see me at fundraising functions, at the club and maybe at a later stage, as a volunteer.

**Yours sincerely
Karin Eastwood**

(DACWA Board Members, Staff and some invited guests attended a morning tea organised by DACWA to say thank you and good luck to Karin, a much loved and appreciated Office Manager. My best wishes with your studies. Editor)



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Stank voor Dank.

Freely translated this means shit for service rendered and many readers will agree with me, after having read my potpourri of tales about the way a grateful community is thanking its benefactors, that the title of this story is well chosen.

We will now go a fair bit back into the history of Holland and West Friesland, as the area of present-day Hoorn and Enkhuizen and Medemblik was known in earlier days.



Count Floris V.

Count Floris V was only two years old when his father Count Willem II was killed in 1256 at Hoogwoud in a battle with the West Frisians when, burdened by his own and his horse's heavy armour, the ice on which he stood did not hold him. His uncle Nicolaas van Kats, Lord of Kats, Count of Gouda, Schoonhoven and the isle of Duiveland etc., became his regent. At the age of fourteen, Floris married Beatrijs of Flanders. At his nineteenth year of age in the year

1277, he was knighted at a tournament in 's Hertogenbosch (Den Bosch). During his reign, the Knights-Hall or Ridderzaal was built in 's Gravenhage (Den Haag), which still is the present-day political center of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. During the reign of Count Floris V, he gradually became the leading overlord in the northern Low Countries. It was in the Ridderzaal that he personally knighted twelve influential persons, including a number of farmers. Right from the beginning, Floris V was in conflict with the Bishop of Utrecht, who claimed his historic rights over Holland, but through his outgoing personality and the extraordinary compassion he demonstrated for the common people, he could easily hold his own with their support against not only the Bishop but also against the aggressive Frisians. The country's people gladly answered the call whenever needed for service and honoured him with the name 'Der Keerlen Gods' (The God of the Common People). In this time Floris V extended his lands by conquering the whole of West Friesland and drove its inhabitants back to the present day Province of Friesland. He never forgot how and where his father died so many years ago and so during one of his campaigns against the Frisians, he completely leveled the village of Hoogwoud and killed their inhabitants. However, during his successful reign, a number of important nobles felt endangered and feared their influence and privileges would be curtailed and so a few got together and plotted to capture him. They were Gwyde of Flanders, the father of his deceased wife Beatrijs, Jan I van Cuijk, first councilor of the Duke of Brabant, Gijsbrecht van Aemstel (who had been forced to allow the fishermen to build a dam in the Amstel near his castle, now Amstelredam or Amsterdam), Herman van Woerden and Gerard van Velzen. Flores was invited to join a falcon hunting party, most probably on lands, over which Gijsbrecht van Aemstel had hunting rights. Floris was captured and brought to Muiderslot where they imprisoned him for five days. When the news of his capture became known, his common folk

supporters hurried to his rescue. During the following fights, Floris was killed by Gerard van Velzen, who later suffered terrible torture by his assailants while being kept in a cellar of the north tower of Muiderslot Castle. Muiderslot was levelled to the ground as well as Gijsbrecht van Aemstel's Castle, the latter never to re-built again. This is how Floris V came to his end, beloved by the common people, but hated by some of the medieval lords.



Johan van Oldenbarneveltdt.

An eminent Statesman Johan van Oldenbarneveltdt (1547-1619) was appointed to the position of Raadspensionaris (Grand Pensionary) of the Seven Provinces on the 16th of March 1586. He had the insight to amalgamate all competing trading enterprises with the Far East into one powerful trading group named the

V.O.C. (Verenigde Oost-Indische Company).

His brilliant negotiating skills brought these adversaries together in 1602, whereby Amsterdam became the major shareholder with 50%. In matters of State, van Oldenbarneveltdt and Prince Maurits worked close together, Maurits looking after the military side and van Oldenbarneveltdt after the political part. In the political arena, van Oldenbarneveltdt managed to hold his very own in relation to the Republic's allies, fostering a country like France under Henry IV as an ally against Spain. The Royal protestant womanizer Henry turned catholic during his reign only because the majority of his subjects happened to be of that persuasion. During his reign he allowed the (protestant) Huguenots religious freedom. After his death in 1610 Henry was followed up by the Catholic Louis XIII, who made overtures with Spanish King Philip II to intermarry between both royal families. This was not seen as a major problem for the Republic by our Raadspensionaris, but Maurits distrusted this alliance with France and rather allied the Republic with protestant England under King James I. In the year 1613 the English even bestowed on Prince Maurits the Nobel Order of the Garter. From that time on the Prince started to get involved with politics and the mutual collaboration with his Raadspensionaris became strained. Also in religious matters the two were in opposite camps, as during the cease-fire (Twaalfjaar Bestand 1609/1621) conflict flared up over the interpretation of the Bible. The so-called Armenianen or Remonstranten, being in the minority under the population in Holland, but were strongly represented under the Regents, were directly opposed against the majority, the so-called Gomaristen or Contra-Remonstranten. It so happened that van Oldenbarneveltdt, backed by the 'Staten van Holland' supported the 'Remonstranten' and Maurits went over to the Contra-Remonstranten'.

It all came to a head in 1617 when the Contra-Remonstranten were not allowed to attend church in The Hague, but had to walk to Rijswijk for their devotions. In winter-time this became too difficult for many and a call went out for a church of their own in The Hague.

A solution was found by Prince Maurits and the Kloosterkerk could be used and the Prince himself attended here for his devotions. Hereby it became very clear that Prince Maurits and the Raadspensionaris were in opposite camps. Maurits meanwhile was busy to convince Regents, army officers and clergymen of his case and to support him for the sake of unity in the country.

The Staten van Holland with van Oldenbarneveldt, afraid that Maurits would take over, now concluded a 'Scherpe Resolutie' (Sharp Resolution) whereby the cities could form their own army for protection. The Prince then took matters in his own hands and exchanged many of the Remonstrant city-councilors for Contra-Remonstrant ones. Maurits had not only the common people supporting him but also the 'Staten Generaal'.

As an outcome of all this strife, it was on the 29th of August 1617 that van Oldenbarneveldt, Hugo de Groot and Rombout Hoogerbeets were arrested and imprisoned and charged with treason. Hugo de Groot and Rombout Hoogerbeets were condemned to lifelong imprisonment and van Oldenbarneveldt condemned to death. Grace could be asked for, but that would mean that they would acknowledge guilt.

This now was the end for a statesman of high international standing who served his country with distinction and helped bringing the Republic to great prosperity. The core of his downfall was that he was in the way of another very capable and also patriotic Prince Maurits. I rest my case here and observe that judgment is near impossible for us living so long after these turbulent years in Dutch history.

Johan & Cornelis de Witt



Johan De Witt

Now we have come to the story of Johan de Witt (24 Sep 1625 - 20 Aug 1672) and his older brother Cornelis (15 June 1623 - 20 Aug 1672).

Johan de Witt was a member of an old Dutch patrician family, living in Dordrecht, one of the most important cities in seventeenth century Holland, the period of the Golden Age. He married Wendela Bicker on 16th February 1655, daughter of the influential merchant Jan Bicker of Amsterdam.

After getting his law degree, Johan was the appointed leader of the Dordrecht deputation to the States of Holland in 1650, the same year Stadtholder Willem II died. Rapid promotion came when in 1653 Johan was appointed as Grand Pensionary of the States of

Holland, being the Republic's most powerful province.

A peace treaty between the Republic and England, called the Treaty of Westminster, was negotiated by Johan at the end of the first Anglo-Dutch war (1652-1654).

This treaty contained a secret annex, the Act of Seclusion, forbidding the Dutch ever to appoint the future Willem III

as Stadtholder, as he was the grandson of the King Charles I executed by the Republican Government of Cromwell.

Johan de Witt, being a fellow Republican, was against a Stadtholder in power from the house of Orange and wanted to abolish this position entirely.

Johan de Witt's powerbase was the wealthy merchant class in which he was born. He created a strong navy headed by Lieutenant Admiral Jacob van Wassenaer Obdam, his political ally and personal friend. The second Anglo-Dutch war started 1665 and ended in a total victory for the Republic in 1667, whereby the victorious fleet sailed up the Medway into the river Thames, under command of Admiral Michiel de Ruyter, together with Cornelis de Witt as political and naval advisor. Most of the English heavy warships were destroyed and the flagship Royal Charles captured and sailed to Holland. In the subsequent Treaty of Breda de Witt could negotiate very favourable conditions for the Republic.

At the same time as this peace treaty was being concluded, another attempt was being made by de Witt to bring the two parties together, being the Republican States of Holland and the Orangists in relation to the future status of the Prince of Orange. When reaching the age of majority, being 23 years of age, de Witt advocated that Prince Willem III should be appointed Captain-General of the Republic. The position of Stadtholder had been abolished in Holland on the 5th of August 1667 by 'Perpetual Edict' and further recognized by the 'Staten Generaal' on a four-to-three vote in January 1668, thereby abolishing the Stadtholderate for-ever. But time does not stand still and it happened in the 'Rampjaar' Year of Disaster 1672, during the Franco-Dutch war (1672-1678) as well as the third Anglo Dutch war (1672-1674), that the Orangists took power by force and deposed Johan de Witt. Arrested for treason, Cornelis was tortured but never confessed to have ever acted against the interests of the Republic. Although the Dutch were feared masters on the waves, at home the powerful and costly naval oligarchy was never popular with the general public. And so it happened on that fateful day that an unruly mob did assemble around the 'Gevangenpoort' where Cornelis was incarcerated, demanding that he should be killed. The cavalry, in charge of defending the prison, was withdrawn so it was said on orders of Prince Willem III on the pretext to stop farmers from pilfering somewhere. At the same time, Johan de Witt had been duped with a message that his brother wanted to talk to him and when at his brother's bedside, the now raging mob forced their entry into the Gevangenpoort and dragged out both brothers Johan and Cornelis to a nearby scaffold and cruelly lynched them. Both bodies were mutilated and cut to pieces, some parts even eaten. The heart of Cornelis was exhibited for some years by silversmith Hendrik Verhoeff.

Closure:- It is the same Prince Willem III of Orange, who was chosen to be the King of England (1689-1702), Scotland and Ireland with his wife Mary, daughter of the future King James II, heir to the English throne and who finally lost against his son-in-law Willem III at the celebrated 'Battle of the Boyne' in July 1690. Isn't history breathtaking?

Gerard Woerlee.



Cornelis de Witt

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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				L			P					

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not easy, but once I found the words "narcotic and Japonica" I was on my way. The July/

August solution was:

A=7; B=14; C=4; D=18; E=3; F=6; G=22; H=10; I=20; J=19; K=11; L=24; M=2; N=23; O=1; P=9; Q=21; R=5; S=15; T=16; U=17; V=25; W=8; X=13; Y=26; Z=12

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

5	6		4					2
		3		7		8		
	7				6		1	3
6				4	9		8	
9		5	3		8	6		1
	8		6	5				4
8	5		7				3	
		4		9		2		
7					1		4	8



Sudoku - Moderate

		4		6				1
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	8			2				
1			6					3
2			8		9			4
8				3				6
				8			4	
6	9		2				1	
4				3		6		

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